

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

**TEMPLE ET AL.**

Serial No.: **10/776,887**

Filed: **FEBRUARY 11, 2004**

Title: **"DRILLING FLUIDS WITH IMPROVED  
SHALE INHIBITION AND METHODS OF  
DRILLING IN SUBTERRANEAN  
FORMATIONS"**

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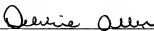
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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Dear Honorable Commissioner:

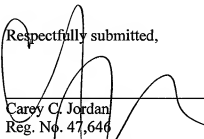
Applicants respectfully request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the art listed on the attached form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified application.

Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(g) and (h), no representation is made that these references are material to the patentability of the present application.

As this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement transmitted herewith is being filed after the mailing date of the first Non-Final Office Action on the merits, and pursuant

to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit Baker Botts L.L.P.'s Deposit Account No. 02-0383, Order Number 063718.0358, in the amount of \$180.00 for the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) for consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement after mailing of the first Non-Final Office Action on the merits. Should the Commissioner deem that any additional fees are due, including any fees for extensions of time, Applicants respectfully request that the Commissioner accept this as a Petition Therefor, and direct that any additional fees be charged to Baker Botts, L.L.P.'s Deposit Account No. 02-0383, Order Number 063718.0358.

Respectfully submitted,



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